

CLAIMS:

1. A preventive and therapeutic agent for hepatic cirrhosis or bile duct disappearance syndrome containing a Fas antagonist as its effective component.
2. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to claim 1 wherein said Fas antagonist is a substance which suppresses binding between Fas and Fas ligand.
3. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said Fas antagonist is a Fas derivative.
4. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said Fas antagonist is an anti-Fas ligand antibody.
5. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to ~~any one~~ of claims 1 to 4 wherein said hepatic cirrhosis is biliary cirrhosis.
6. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to claim 5 wherein said hepatic cirrhosis is primary biliary hepatic cirrhosis.

A 7. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to ~~any one~~
~~of claims 1 to 4~~ wherein said bile duct disappearance syndrome
is bile duct disappearance syndrome caused by an immunological
mechanism.

✓ Sub-B2 8. A method for preventing and treating hepatic cirrhosis
or bile duct disappearance syndrome wherein a Fas antagonist.

9. Use of a Fas antagonist in producing a pharmaceutical for
preventing and/or treating hepatic cirrhosis or bile duct
disappearance syndrome.

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